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October 20, 2009

**BY E-FILING**

Hon. Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1190)**  
**Consolidated Rail Corporation-Abandonment Exemption-**  
**In Hudson County, NJ**

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

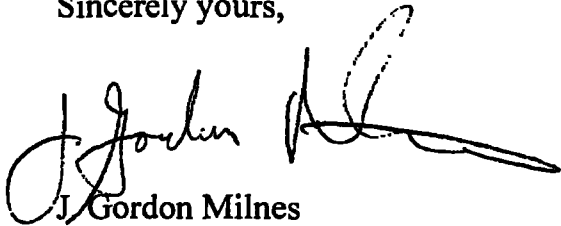
I am writing on behalf of Clayton Sand Company ("Clayton"), in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. Clayton is a company engaged in the mining and distribution of sand and other aggregate products in New Jersey.

It is my understanding that two individuals, Eric Strohmeyer and James Riffin, have filed an offer of financial assistance in the Conrail abandonment proceeding in an attempt to force the acquisition of a short segment of Conrail-owned track in Jersey City, NJ. I further understand that these offerors have submitted a document to the Board on September 30, 2009, entitled "Reply to NJT 9/19/09 Pleading... Amendment of OFA... Reply to Conrail's New Issues" suggesting that New Jersey Seashore Lines, Inc., are working in some unspecified way with Mssrs. Strohmeyer and Riffin to develop traffic.

Please be advised that Clayton does not have any relationship with Mssrs. Strohmeyer and Riffin. Any statement or implication by Mssrs. Strohmeyer and Riffin, that Clayton is in any way cooperating or working with these individuals is totally false and the Board should strike as false and misleading any statements to that effect.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



J. Gordon Milnes  
Director of Engineering and Planning  
Clayton Sand Company

cc: Mr. Eric Strohmeyer  
Mr. James Riffin  
Jonathan Broder, Esq.  
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